(WASHINGTON) -U.S. Representative Chet Edwards released the following statement:

"Norman Borlaug was a great man and American hero, whose work to combat hunger has saved countless lives, elevated the human condition and made the world a better place," said Edwards.

Today, Edwards introduced a congressional resolution to honor the scientific and humanitarian achievements of Dr. Borlaug. In 2006, Edwards supported congressional efforts to award Dr. Borlaug the Congressional Gold Medal, the highest civilian honor given by Congress.

"Despite his unrivaled achievements, Dr. Borlaug always maintained his humility, and was always motivated by the greater good. The remarkable life of Norman Borlaug will continue to inspire others to follow in his footsteps and give back to their communities, country, and world," concluded Edwards.

Edwards represents Texas A&M University, home of the Norman Borlaug Institute for International Agriculture where Dr. Borlaug served as a distinguished professor.

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